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 Title: DRYING METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY REMOVING VOLATILE COMPONENTS FROM
 WET COATINGS

1. ☒ Enclosed is the above-mentioned new patent application. It includes 2 sheet(s) of drawings.
2. ☒ This application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/235,218, filed September 24, 2000.
3. ☐ Enclosed is an executed declaration or oath.
4. ☐ Enclosed are an application assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company and a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
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